



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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 State Superintendent of Education

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Alabama
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 of Education

MEMORANDUM

Governor Kay Ivey
 President

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

Jackie Zeigler
 District I
 Vice President

FROM: Eric G. Mackey
 State Superintendent of Education

Tracie West
 District II

RE: Gifted Education Program - Act No. 2021-342 and ETF Budget Fiscal Year (FY) 2022

Stephanie Bell
 District III

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Alabama Legislature set aside \$4.875 million for gifted education and each local education agency (LEA) receives funding based on Child Count. According to Act No. 2021-342, the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) will offer grants to LEAs for the purpose of developing new advanced educational and specialized programs for gifted or talented children. For the 2021-2022 school year, the cumulative disbursement will be based on a \$4 million budget allocation. The remaining \$875,000 will be awarded to LEAs through a competitive grant process.

Yvette M. Richardson, Ed.D.
 District IV
 President Pro Tem

The ALSDE will award available grants to public schools for the purpose of initiating new programs or continuing existing programs to offer advanced and specialized educational services to gifted or talented children. The maximum award for an applicant is \$30,000. The appropriate LEA must match five percent (5%) of any grant funds awarded by the ALSDE under this act.

Tonya S. Chestnut, Ed.D.
 District V

To access the enclosed *Application for Gifted and Talented Students Education Program*.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ashley Strickland at 334-694-4782.

Cynthia McCarty, Ph.D.
 District VI

EGM/AS/MP

Belinda McRae
 District VII

Enclosure

Wayne Reynolds, Ed.D.
 District VIII

cc: City and County Special Education Coordinators
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